
The God Who Defends

Jude 24-25

The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is blessed because she is the Lord's redeemed Bride, and as God's redeemed people we are a Great Commissioned people (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15). We advance the Kingdom of God by proclaiming the message of the Gospel, but at the same time we are called to be prepared to defend the Christian faith (Jude 3; Acts 18:28; 1 Pet. 3:15). Part of our witness may come in the form of defending the Gospel. We are called to be advocates and defenders of the Gospel, and this is the Gospel: God advocates and defends his people.

1. Do _____ on _____ (v. 25-32)

The last two verses of Jude's letter contain a doxology, and a doxology is a statement directed towards God with the intention of giving him praise. Why is God deserving of our praise and worship according to Jude? Jude says that God "is able". The reality that God "is able" may be something that's easy for us to skim over, but this phrase speaks deeply about the sovereignty of God. How is God's power at work in our lives according to our text? God is the preserver and the sustainer of our faith (Heb. 12:2). When Jude says that God "is able to keep [us] from stumbling" he's saying that God uses his strength to make sure that his chosen ones persevere to the end. According to Jude and the apostles (Jude 4, 17-19; 2 Pet. 2:1; Acts 20:29-31) false teaching is going to be the root of many people's stumbling, but for those who truly belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, Jude says that God himself will preserve them in the truth.

2. Focus _____ (v. 33)

God's power continues to manifest itself in our passage through the joyful reception of his people. This is the completion of God's preservation, and this is what every Christian should look forward to; the joy of standing blameless before the presence of God and reigning with Christ throughout all eternity. The fact of the matter is this; every single person will stand before the presence of God in judgment. Why is that? Because God is Lord and Giver of life (Col. 1:15-16; Acts 17:28; Heb. 4:13, 9:27). The Lord Jesus Christ will present his Bride blameless before the presence of his glory (Jude 24; Eph. 5:25-27). The glorification of his redeemed people is the consummation of his plan (John 6:39-40, 17:24). The Lord Jesus Christ is both our assurance and our advocate (1 John 2:1; Zech. 3:1-5).

No matter how you're feeling or what accusation Satan uses against you, this is God's promise to you. He justified you by His grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and the day is coming where you come before Him face to face and you will hear Him pronounce this blessed word to you- blameless!